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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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TOTAL					\$0.00

\*not less than 20

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